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### Regretted

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5/20 Zoar Maifest National Historic Landmark Designation (Zoar, OH)

5/23 7th Annual Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Dinner (Boston, MA)

6/3 Ducks Unlimited National Convention (San Antonio, TX)

### Outstanding Invitations in Process

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### Emergency Management

Nothing new to report.

### Media of Interest

#### **Secretary Zinke To Tour Montana Mine With Vice President Pence.**

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### **Environmentalists Divided On Republican Efforts To Overhaul Endangered Species Act.**

The Morning Consult (5/11, Fitzpatrick) reports that “Democrats and environmentalists are divided over whether it’s worth working with Republicans on changes to the Endangered Species Act, a law supporters say is underfunded and critics say is ineffective and bureaucratic.” Some supporters of the law say see efforts to revise the law as “just an excuse to undercut federal enforcement of the law, which underwent changes in 1988 when it was renewed.” However, “others are open to modest reforms, as long as the Fish and Wildlife Service is given proper funding.”

### **BLM To Offer Oil, Gas Leases In Colorado.**

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### **White House Communications Report**

No report was sent Thursday.

### **Federal Register Listings**

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